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## MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE STIMULUS PLAN

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Los Angeles County Workforce Stimulus Plan, also known as the 10,000 Jobs Initiative. The June 9, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe instructs the Chief Executive Office to report back on a monthly basis as to the progress in implementing the Plan. This status update includes specific information on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth grant awarded to the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (LACWIB), which is managed by the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS).

The 10,000 Jobs Initiative is on target and moving forward towards our goal. To date, 7,882 individuals are enrolled in the programs.

## **TANF ECF Update**

From April 27, 2009 to October 16, 2009, 2,244 participants have been enrolled in the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Program administered by DPSS, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), and their 31 subcontracted WorkSource Centers. There are 506 participants placed in County departments.

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General Relief Noncustodial Parent referrals, made possible by the expansion to serve non-CalWORKs families with income under 200 percent of the federal poverty level, will begin the week of October 26, 2009. There are 36 public agencies (not including the County) serving as work sites. Close to 500 participating work sites represent the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

## WIA/ARRA Youth Grant - Summer Youth Employment Program

From May 1, 2009 to October 19, 2009, the LACWIB WIA/ARRA Youth contractors have placed 5,638 youth in work experience placements. Of that number, 416 (7.4 percent) are current or former foster youth, 1,455 (25.8 percent) reside in a CalWORKs household and 463 (8.2 percent) are Probation youth. These three categories represent 41.4 percent of youth served by this program.

The State granted a waiver to serve out of school youth (ages 18 to 24) beyond September 30, 2009. The LACWIB issued a directive to the contractors related to this issue and the following agencies were granted an extension:

- Los Angeles County Office of Education (Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5);
- City of Compton, Compton CareerLink (Supervisorial District 2);
- L.A. Works (Supervisorial Districts 1, 4 and 5);
- Career Partners El Monte (Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5);
- Special Services for Groups (Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 and 4), and
- Goodwill Industries (Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5).

These agencies will continue to provide work experience activities to out of school youth through March 2010.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know or your staff may contact Jenny Serrano at (213) 974-4171, or via e-mail at jserrano@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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